

Preparedness at a Glance

December 5, 2014

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Announcements Welcome

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On the RADAR: Upcoming Deliverables

The purpose of this rotating list of the upcoming deliverables is to serve as a reminder of the tasks local health departments need to complete. Since many of the deliverables are due by the end of the fiscal year – June 30, 2015, our goal is to encourage LHDs to develop a plan on how you will work on the deliverables throughout the year.

Core Deliverables

- **Joint Meetings**
- The next ITV meeting will be **January 14, 2015** 1:30 – 3:30 ET
- **Planning/Training/Exercises**
 - LHDs will conduct a Seminar to discuss the LHD's implementation of Continuity of Operations plans and procedures. Participation should include defined tier staff according to LHD guidelines. Due **by December 31, 2014**
 - After Action Reports/Improvement Plans or Executive Summary will be submitted to KDPH within **60 days of an exercise** or planned event, or within **120 days of a real-world event**
 - Local Health Departments will inventory PHEP/HPP purchased assets, inventory will include assets valued over 500 dollars and pilferable items. Due **December 31, 2014**
 - LHDs will develop, review and update (as necessary) the Local Health Department's jurisdiction SNS Plan and increase dispensing capability. Due **March 31, 2015**
 - LHD will maintain a process to ensure key personnel within the LHD can be contacted within 30 minutes (24/7) via the agency's main phone number. **This ability will be tested by KDPH by June 30, 2015**
 - Each LHD will determine appropriate staff needed during a response to a public health emergency or disaster and assure staff receives required training based on Training Matrix. Due **June 30, 2015**

MRC Deliverables

- Participate in State MRC Leader Meetings (twice per year).
- Update the MRC unit's information and activities on the DCV/MRC website quarterly. Contact: Heather.Walls@ky.gov for more information.

EPI Deliverables

- Provide epidemiological consultation to all health departments in the assigned region as necessary.

Deliverable Highlight: After Action Reports/IPs

To meet this deliverable, local health departments will submit an After Action Report/Improvement Plan (AAR/IP) or Executive Summary for exercises, planned events, or real-world events using the AAR/IP Plan or Executive Summary templates and processes recommended by the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) and the Kentucky Department for Public Health.

This should be completed within 60 days of an exercise or planned event, or within 120 days of a real-world event such as the Ebola response.

Remember to report "Met" when you upload the After Action Reports/Improvement Plans or Executive summaries in Catalyst.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Grant Gillion.

Local News:

CASPER WAS COLD BUT SUCCESSFUL.....

Submitted by Margaret Hibbs

The Green River District Health Department conducted a CASPER (Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response) November 14th - 15th and November 21st - 22nd. More than 45 people including local staff, volunteer and state representatives helped conduct the survey across the entire Green River District which includes Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, & Webster counties in Kentucky.

Region 3 hosts Animal & Disasters: Awareness and Preparedness for Owners

Submitted by Margaret Hibbs



On November 6, 2014 Henderson County EMA and Region 3 RPC hosted their 2nd annual presentation on Animals & Disasters: Awareness and Preparedness for Owners. Sixteen newly graduated Community Emergency Response

Team (CERT) members were in attendance for this three hour training. This course intended to increase awareness and preparedness among animal owners and care providers. It includes sections on why animal issues are an important consideration in emergency management and public health, typical hazards, how these affect animals and what can be done by responsible owners to reduce the impact of disasters.



Fivco Participates in Ebola Tabletop

Submitted by Kristy Bolen

On November 6, 2014 several response agencies in the Fivco region participated in an Ebola Tabletop Exercise and Informational session at the Ashland-Boyd County Health Department. Agencies represented were Ashland-Boyd County Health Department, Greenup County Health Department, Lawrence County Health Department, Little Sandy District Health Department, King's Daughters Medical Center, Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Three Rivers Medical Center, Federal Prison Medical Staff, Ashland Police Department, Pathways (Mental Health), Boyd County Schools, Marathon Petroleum Refinery Medical staff, Ironton City Health Department (OH) and Lawrence County (OH) EMS.

The tabletop exercise and informational session were both facilitated by Kristy Bolen, Fivco Senior Regional Epidemiologist. The exercise portion was evaluated by Fivco RPC John Hunt and Region 10 HPC coordinator Sharon Fields. The KDPH Kentucky Ebola TTX 2.0 exercise materials were used for the tabletop portion of the meeting.

During both sessions, agencies were able to talk through issues that might hamper a response to an Ebola patient such as PPE or communication. Many agencies were able to get answers to question about Ebola response. This meeting greatly improved the Fivco Area's ability to respond to an Ebola patient. The meeting also helped to improve the relationship between the Regional Epidemiologist, Regional Preparedness Coordinator and Healthcare Planning Coordinator and the agencies represented.



News from the Branch: November 19 Joint Preparedness Meeting

Over 100 Preparedness staff from across the state attended the November Joint Preparedness meeting. The meeting was held at the KTCES building in Versailles for the first time. This location was chosen based on suggestions from the 2013 November meeting evaluation. Not only did we have a new venue for the meeting we also revised the agenda to include an Ebola Briefing, information on Federal Ebola assets and an activity that allowed everyone to think about and discuss how their health department would respond based on the presented Ebola scenario. Subject matter experts attended the meeting and were available for any Ebola related questions.

10 Years in Preparedness Recognition Awards Distributed

During the Joint Preparedness meeting, Becky Gillis recognized preparedness staff who reached 10 years of service in 2014. Awards were given to: Lisa Artigue, Preparedness Branch, Terry Stewart, Gateway District Health Department and Kim Yazell, Preparedness Branch. Stephanie Fryman, Fleming County Health Department, also reached 10 years of service, but was not present to receive her award. Congratulations to Lisa, Terry, Stephanie and Kim for 10 years of dedication and service to the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in Public Health Emergency Preparedness.



Training - Know How

American Red Cross Disaster College - Louisville

Registration is required. Contact: Kim.Jackson@redcross.org

January 5 – 9

Joint Preparedness ITV meeting

Contact: Kim Yazell

January 14

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Holiday Reminder

KDPH and some Local Health Departments will be closed on the following days:

December 25 – 26
Christmas

January 1 – 2
New Year's

Newsletter Submissions

The next issue of **Preparedness at a Glance** will be sent out December 5, 2014. Submissions for the newsletter should be sent to KimD.Yazell@ky.gov by December 19.

Nuts and Bolts Training Coming Soon on TRAIN

You spoke and we listened. Several health departments asked for the Nuts and Bolts training to be made available on TRAIN so staff could take the training at their convenience. On November 18, Tina Massengill and Margaret Hibbs, Regional Preparedness Coordinators from regions 1 and 3 were in the KDPH video studio making a recording of the Nuts and Bolts training. With Steve Sieberts' (Education Workforce and Development's Instructional Designer), knowledge and expertise, Tina and Margaret created a video of the training. Once the editing is complete and the video is approved it will be uploaded and available on TRAIN. The video will meet the Nuts and Bolts training requirement. More information to follow once it is available.



Pictured: Left to right:

Margaret Hibbs,
Region 3 RPC,

Tina Massengill,
Region 1 RPC

Steve Sieberts,
Instructional
Designer

Events and Exercises

Quarterly Kentucky/Tennessee Unified Planning Coalition Meeting

Lafayette, TN, 11:00 – 3:30ET – Contact: Jessica Gover

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